

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN ORISSA  
KUMUDINI PATNAIK

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any request has been received by the Government for establishment of a new telephone exchange and extension of telephone lines within the permissible coverage distance in Ganjam district of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons from this district have not been provided the telephone connections so far even after depositing the prescribed fee;
- (d) the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Requests have been received for opening new telephone exchanges at Jahada and Nandighar.
- (c) 450 persons as on February 2002.
- (d) & (e): As most of the applicants are from rural areas, it is planned to provide telephone communications to them from the existing exchanges either through wireless in local loop (WLL) equipment or through landline within the next two months.